



Committee on Public Safety

September 26, 2007 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the City Council send a letter to The ShotSpotter Gunshot location System of Santa Clara, CA, Attention: Senior Vice-President Gregg Rowland, expressing the Council's interest in, and the potential for, a gunfire location system in the City of New Bedford; and further; that the company be requested to submit information and/or a presentation to the New Bedford City Council Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, so that City Councillors are informed about this system, and how it could benefit the City of New Bedford, as well as approximating the costs involved with the installation of this technology in our City. (Ref'd 4/26/07)

INVITEES: ShotSpotter Gunshot location System Representative Jack Pontious

Chairperson suggests "No Further Action" on the following items:

2. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Fortes, on behalf of the area neighbors, the Acushnet Heights Neighborhood Association and SONBITL, (Save Our Neighborhood Before It's Too Late,) requesting that a letter be sent to Mr. Castelo asking that he appear before the Committee on City Property and/or Public Safety and Neighborhood Issues, to discuss how the workers at the project being developed by Castelo Realty on Robeson Street can be more considerate of the residents in the area of the operation since said workers have failed to maintain a "good neighbor" standard at this project, resulting in numerous complaints of machinery operating in the street, dirt and dust flying everywhere, cutting of trees which Mr. Castelo stated would remain when he appeared before the Planning Board Chairman George Smith and the Mayor, etc. (Ref'd 4/22/04)
3. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Police Chief meet with the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhood Issues to discuss the ongoing situation of cars parking within 20 feet of intersections throughout the City. (Ref'd 5/13/04, tabled 5/19/05)
4. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Mayor and the Police Chief provide a detailed breakdown of exactly what the new computers that have been installed into the Police Cruisers are able and available to do for the Police Officers; the Council was originally told by this Administration and the Police Department that these computers would be installed in cruisers to provide Officers with the ability to write reports right from their cruisers thus enabling them to stay in the neighborhoods patrolling and protecting the citizens of the City of New Bedford; and further, regarding the device in the Police Chief's house used to monitor the Police Station, provide information as to who pays for that, and how much did it cost. (Ref'd 11/23/04, rpf 6/15/06)
5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committees on Finance and Public Safety & Neighborhoods look into installing meters in the City-owned parking lot on Page Street, between Allen and Bedford Streets; Allen Street, north side and Bedford Street, south side from the property line to Page Street, and Page Street, west side, from Tabor Street to Allen Street for the purpose of generating revenue for the City. (Ref'd 6/23/05)
6. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, on behalf of the residents of Rural Street, that the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods meets with residents and Southeastern

Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) to discuss the possibility of changing the bus route due to the width and size of Rural Street. (Ref'd 7/21/05, 6/15/06 remain in committee)

7. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting in the interest of Public Safety, that the Department of Public Infrastructure install sidewalks and curbing on the east side of PHILLIPS ROAD, from 1494 Phillips Road in a northerly direction to Pine Hill Park/Playground entrance. (Ref'd 1/26/06)
8. Written Motion, Councillor Koczera, that the City Council Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods invite Deputy Linda Pacheco of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office to do a presentation on the I-Safe, I-Shield Program, that educates and alerts the public to dangers on the internet for our students and young people; and further, that the City Council ask Mayor Scott W. Lang to allow our Education and/or Government Access Channels to tape this presentation and re-broadcast it, so that parents and the public can also be educated on what to look for in regard to dangers on the internet. (Ref'd 2/9/06)
9. Written Motion, Councillors Koczera & Coelho, asking that the City Council request the Department of Inspectional Services to do a thorough inspection at 132 Holly Street, a multi-family unit that has been the source of neighborhood problems for years, to inspect for various health-related violations; and further, that the Council send a letter to the out-of-town, suburban property owner, Mary Jane Kelley of 26 Jerome Street in Berkley, Massachusetts, demanding that she bring this Holly Street property into compliance and make it a "good" abutter to its neighbors. (Ref'd 2/23/06, tabled 6/15/06)
10. Written Motion, Councillor Koczera, requesting that our Legislative Delegation be contacted to file a Bill on behalf of the City Council, creating a mandatory penalty for any prostitute or "John" operating within a designated School Zone. (Ref'd 5/23/06, tabled 10/24/06, tabled 12/14/06)
11. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Koczera, requesting that the City Council's Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet to discuss the five cleanup options for the vacant Aerovox site in hopes of finding the safest remediation plan for this toxic PCB location amid a concern by this petitioner and also shared by others that the EPA might be favoring the cheapest cleanup option ahead of the option that makes the most sense for the public safety concerns and possible re-use of the property. (Note: Invited to meeting should be David Dickerson, Project Manager, EPA; Stacey Greendlinger, EPA Community Involvement; EPA Officials involved in said project, Congressman Barney Frank, Local Legislative Delegation and Jim Simmons, Hands Across the River. (Ref'd 6/22/06)
12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Koczera and Coelho, asking that the City Council Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with representatives of the Mayan Community, along with representatives from the Police Department and concerned residents, to discuss and try to find a solution to the violence that seems to be directed at this group of ethnic people; and further, that a method of improving the communication lines between all parties also be discussed. (Ref'd 9/28/06, 12/14/06 - hear again in 3 months)